



Sustainable Development Partnerships

an informal newsletter for the USG SD Partnerships community

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ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first issue of *Sustainable Development Partnerships*, an informal in-house newsletter intended to keep the U.S. government interagency community informed on U.S. sustainable development partnerships, including those launched at the September 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development. The newsletter will be distributed approximately every two months. If you have items you'd like to include in this newsletter or any comments/questions/concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Andrea Lauritzen (lauritzenax@state.gov) and Lori Brutten (bruttenlb@state.gov).

NEWS

Design work on SDP.gov website begins

In early November, design work began on a new government-wide web portal on sustainable development partnerships. The site – www.SDP.gov – will enable easy access to information on U.S. partnerships (users will be able to search by region, topic, or partnership title). The target launch date is January 2004. State/OES will keep the group informed via e-mail as the design efforts continue.

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Open call for images for SDP.gov

The graphic designers of the new SDP.gov site are eager to incorporate images from SD partnerships into the design of the site. If you have any images you would like to pass to the graphic designer, please send them to Lori Brutten (bruttenlb@state.gov) as soon as possible.



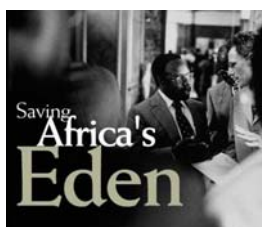
GISD wins “Special Achievement in GIS” Award

USAID and State received one of three Federal Special Achievement in GIS awards during the 23rd Annual ESRI International User Conference in San Diego, California. GISD was recognized for its efforts to promote spatial data infrastructure development in Africa. More info at: www.esri.com/library/newsletters/federal-gisconnections/fedgis-fall03.pdf



White Water to Blue Water Launches Website

The White Water to Blue Water partnership recently launched their new website: www.international.noaa.gov/ww2bw



Congo Basin Forest Partnership Featured in *National Geographic*

The Congo Basin Forest Partnership, winner of the Conservation Action Award at the 2003 Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival, was featured in the September 2003 issue of *National Geographic*. The 28-page spread highlights the initiative as an “environmental success story,” referring to Gabonese President El Hadj Omar Bongo’s establishment of 13 new national parks as “*potentially* [their emphasis] . . . one of the most significant conservation actions since March 1872.”

Please feel free to submit news, notes, and calendar items for future newsletters to Andrea Lauritzen (lauritzenax@state.gov) and Lori Brutten (bruttenlb@state.gov)

HOUSEKEEPING

Fact sheet updates requested on a biannual basis

Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs Paula Dobriansky and Council on Environmental Quality Chairman Jim Connaughton have consistently underscored the importance of consistent, results-oriented reporting on USG partnerships. At a recent WSSD Task Force meeting, they thanked all those who have been providing updates and encouraged those who haven't yet submitted or revised their information to do so in a timely fashion.

In an effort to minimize the burden on partnership points of contact, updates to partnership fact sheets will only be requested every six months. Partners will also be requested to examine their fact sheets from the UN's partnerships database every six months and determine whether it would be appropriate to update that fact sheet as well.

- UN partnerships database: http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/partnerships/list_partnerships.htm
 - USG partnerships database*: <http://www.state.gov/g/oes/sus/pr>
- * - these fact sheets will be moved to www.SDP.gov when the site is launched in early 2004.

Fact Sheets in Draft

The following fact sheets are currently in draft. Please finalize these drafts by December 15, 2003:

New Sheets (never been posted)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Controlling Tuberculosis in High HIV Prevalence Populations - Efficient Energy for Sustainable Development - Global Mapping - International AIDS Education and Training Program (ITECH) - Netmark Plus: A Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Malaria Prevention
Updates (old version already posted)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geographic Information for Sustainable Development (GISD) - My Community, Our Earth (MYCOE) - Nacala Port and Railway Network - South Africa Housing Initiative - Vilanculos Coastal Wildlife Sanctuary - Water for the Poor Initiative

Due soon

The following partnership fact sheet updates are due in the coming months. If you are the point of contact for one of these partnerships, stay tuned for further updates on how to go about updating your fact sheets.

Due in December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Africa Education Initiative - Initiative to End Hunger in Africa - International Coral Reef Initiative - Investing in Health: Fighting Infectious Disease for Sustainable Development - Safe Water System
Due in January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clean Energy Initiative Umbrella Document - Healthy Homes and Communities - Partnership for Science-Based Decision-Making - Strengthening Biological Diversity Information for Central America - US-Mexico Border Environmental Health Training Project

UPCOMING PARTNERSHIP EVENTS

2003	<i>[This is by no means a complete listing. Please submit your upcoming events!]</i>
December 11-12	Clean Fuels and Vehicles Second Global Partnership Meeting (The Hague)
2004	
March 4-6	International Forum on Partnerships for Sustainable Development (Rome)
March 21-27	White Water to Blue Water conference (Miami)
April 19-30	CSD-12 on Water Sanitation, and Human Settlements (New York)